



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 17, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 17, 2013 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 11, 2013 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2013 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

The clerk had a request that the minutes of the last meeting be amended. The clerk of the district court requested that the expenses listed for Joni Skalka be changed from Registration, Meal to Mileage.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2013 amending them by noting that the expenses for Joni Skalka should have listed Mileage instead of Registration, Meal. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; abstain: Nuss; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that a bridge on Road 312 & X had been closed due to damage it had recently sustained. An easement and the self evaluation portion of the ADA policy were presented. Tom told the board that his department has an old pickup that can be used by the custodian. The board discussed adding another motor grader and operator. Tom told the board he did not think the addition was needed at this time.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the easement request of Paul Weiler on behalf of Robert Lipovsky for an electric line across Road 303.3 in the SE ¼ Sec. 23 T5N-R8W to provide electrical service to a new shop building. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Nuss to approve and have the County Attorney and the Board of Supervisors sign the ADA policy self-evaluation prepared by the Highway Superintendent. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

On call engineering services were discussed. A representative from Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. presented a proposal and answered questions. A proposal from Olsson & Associates was also presented by the Highway Supt.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to sign the proposals from Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. and Olsson & Associates for on call engineering services for 2014. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Employees of the courthouse, Road Dept., the Highway Supt. and the County Sheriff met with the board to discuss the recent changes in the compensatory time. After much discussion, the employees stated they would like the policy to stay the way it was; having a choice of comp. time or getting paid for overtime or extra hours and being able to carry some hours of overtime. The board decided to discuss this more next week.

Pam Maynard and Dennis Valentine, representing the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations for amounts that they feel are justifiable for the requests. The purpose of the committee is not to fund whole requests but to help fill in some gaps. Because the committee meets once a year, these are the 2013 requests for the upcoming year.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to approve the Clay County Tourism Committee's recommendations concerning the request for funding for Improvements and Promotion for 2013 requests. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nuss received information from Blue Cross Blue Shield concerning the Blue Freedom plan that would begin in January. It is basically the same plan as far as coverage and deductibles. Information regarding co-pays was given. The premiums would be less than they are now. This information was compared to that given by Coventry. The Coventry coverage would not include disability coverage and they do not administer COBRA. The BCBS representative will be contacted to provide more information.

The board discussed the hours that the courthouse is open. Several department heads and employees were present for the discussion. The chairman noted that the posted courthouse hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday-Friday. He asked the group what their opinion was; most said they liked the hours. The Treasurer's office opens at 8:00 A.M. There was discussion as to whether there were enough customers to warrant the extra hours. It was decided to have all the offices open at 8:30 A.M. There was also discussion about the zoning hours. This is a single person office which makes it difficult to be in the office all the time.

Carissa Uhrmacher, Project Director presented the grant award letters and special condition forms for the South Central Partnership grants.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Juvenile Services grant award and grant special sub conditions for Enhancement and Community based grants. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.



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The contract with Stanard Appraisal was presented by the County Assessor. The contract for appraisal services for 267 Ag Improved parcels and 54 Commercial properties in School Creek, Eldorado, Harvard and Leicester townships and the towns of Saronville and Edgar was presented. The contracted amount is \$40,710.00 with any additional parcels billed separately.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement for Appraisal Services with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. for 2014. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

The board discussed repairs needed in the courthouse and at the service building with the custodian. Mike also reported on work that has been done in the courthouse. He told the board he would like to see the outside light fixtures refurbished in the spring.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed a letter from the Department of Army Corps of Engineers concerning ground water contamination on county property that was received by the County Clerk. The properties affected are county roads. There are no current wells nor will there be any installation of new wells. The County Attorney will reply to the letter. The Zoning Administrator also received a letter to which she replied.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Nuss to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of November 2013: County Clerk, \$4,606.20, County Court \$10,523.73, Clerk of District Court, \$43,084.07, Sheriff's fees for October 2013 \$7,050.61 and County Treasurer receipts #13110001 thru #13110045 in the amount of \$154,857.82. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

The Auto Fleet, Inland Marine, and Building & Contents Schedules were received from NIRMA. These were reviewed by the Clerk and Highway Supt. and corrections were made before being presented to the board for their review. Supervisor Johnson had questions about some of the listed items so this will be reviewed again next week.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:45 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for December 24, 2013. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman